

## FATHER COENEN DEAD.

**Beloved Priest Passes Away at This Place After Six Week's Illness.**

**SERVED CHURCH HERE FOR NEARLY THIRTY YEARS**

**Laid to Rest Yesterday Beside Departed Ones of His Congregation.**

**HE REQUESTED SIMPLE FUNERAL.**

The simple life of the good man was ended. His spirit had fled. They took his body from the church where he had led so long and the church was desolate.

Yesterday morning after mass, which was held at 9 o'clock, the remains of Father Coenen were interred in the Catholic cemetery, where rest many of the congregation to which he has ministered so faithfully and so long. Only the service of the mass was pronounced, mingled with the solemn notes of the organ and the voices he had loved in song. No eulogy was said, no review of his simple and devoted life recounted. There were no flowers, no personal pomp, no wreath of laurel held aloft to symbolize his faithful work, his good achievements. It was against the impulse of those who gathered to show their last, sincere respect, but the priest had said he wished his funeral thus simple, and so it was.

Father Leach, of Henderson, deane of this district, was celebrant of the mass; Father Bachman, of Louisville, deacon; and Father Michael Melody, of Louisville, sub-deacon. Father Oranney, of Morganfield, was master of ceremonies. Father Welsh, of Hopkinsville, and Father McNeal, of Columbia, were also in the sanctuary. Bishop McCloskey had announced his intention to come, but he has been quite ill himself and is not yet ready to travel. Telegrams were received from other priests who were detained by illness.

The pall bearers were: L. H. O'Brien, James F. McMan, Henry McDowell, Patrick Whalen, Thomas Blair and Louis Houlihan.

The Rev. Alphonsus Mary Coenen died Monday morning about 7 o'clock at the rectory of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception after an illness of six weeks, which had from the beginning been pronounced fatal. The malady which caused death of this beloved priest was a cancerous affection of the esophagus which was beyond human skill to cure. His death had been looked forward to as a certainty which only his good constitution and strong will could postpone a few days. The decline was gradual and during the most of his illness he was able to receive his friends and enjoy their company. Unconsciousness came on Saturday morning and after that death was expected hourly but did not occur until forty-eight hours later.

The deceased is survived by two brothers and one sister; Julius Coenen, of this place, Joseph Coenen, of Louisville, and Mrs. Sedonia Courtot, of Dallas, Tex. The young son of Joseph Coenen accompanied him here. Mrs. Courtot is quite ill in Texas and could not come.

Father Coenen was born at Leen, Belgium, September 2nd, 1838, son of Adolphus and Hortense Coenen, both of whom came to Earlington after he took charge of the Earlington congregation and both of whom died

here. The father died in the old frame building then occupied as the rectory, the mother died a few years only ago in the new brick rectory in which the priest has just expired.

back to the early time when Father Dunn, long since dead, held an occasional mission under an old cedar tree near a log house that stood on the site now occupied by the residence of Mr. Jno. B. Atkinson. This was the only house on the town site when Earlington was founded, so that the Catholic religion was the first in this field so far as the boundaries of Earlington go.

Father Coenen's first services



REV. ALPHONSUS MARY COENEN.

Father Coenen came to this country about forty-three years ago and went to Louisville, Ky., where he acted as assistant to the Rev. L. Bax, who was then and is yet the pastor of St. John's Catholic church. In detail the history of his ministry was as follows: He was ordained at Malines, Belgium, at the age



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of twenty-three, on Sept. 21st, 1861, by Cardinal Stercks, after which he came to the United States to be assistant at St. John's Church, Louisville, Ky., in which capacity he served from the 1st day of June, 1862, to September, 1870. He was assistant at the Cathedral in Louisville from September, 1870, to November, 1871. He then became pastor of St. Augustin's Church in Louisville, from November, 1871, to December, 1872. From Louisville he was transferred to Henderson where he was pastor of that congregation from December 1st, 1872, to May 29th, 1875. Then began his ministry here which was continuous until the time of his death, Monday morning, February 13th, 1905. During his priesthood at Henderson he visited Earlington periodically and ministered to the few Catholics living here then. Later, by his own request, he was removed to this place and given charge of the Earlington congregation, then in its infancy.

The beginning of the Catholic congregation in Earlington dates

were held in an old log house, used as a school house, which stood on the site now occupied by the residence of Mr. Frank D. Rash and just across Farren avenue from the handsome brick church that has been the home of the congregation for nineteen years. Later a small, frame church was erected which served for many years until it was moved back to give place to the substantial two story brick Parochial School building which is occupied daily by about one hundred children under the tutelage of four Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. The school house was built in 1883 and the church in 1886.

The little charge of a handful of communicants here when Father Coenen made Earlington his home for the first time has increased to a faithful congregation of some sixty families. The material advancement has been from the free country air and the friendly shade of a cedar tree to the church ownership and occupancy of handsomely designed



St. Bernard Parochial School.

and substantially built and furnished structures sufficiently extensive for all church, school and residence use.

As a boy in Belgium Father Coenen was a musician. Later he became instructor in music at the American College, at Louvain, Belgium. While a student at this college he formed friendships with men who have since become famous in church circles in America. One of these was Bishop John L. Spaulding, a fellow student, who wrote the words of a college song, the music of which was Father Coenen's first composition. This song was adopted and sung at the American College.

Later in life he composed several masses, some of which have been in use in other churches of the Louisville diocese for years.

Father Coenen was a learned man, an energetic worker and a close student of men and things. He was beloved of his congregation and endeared to many outside his own church. His presence and his influence will be sadly missed and the resources of his church will be taxed to fill his place.

### ROUGH HOUSE

**Started on Train by Some Mannington Men Monday—Were Overloaded With Bug Juice.**

Coming from Madisonville on train 51 Monday were some people from Mannington who had been attending court as witnesses in the McIntosh murder case. They were pretty well tanked and were evidently discussing the erratic movements of Hopkins county justice, when some of the number became excited and in the heated argument the lie was passed. In a brief space of time the air of the coach was quite blue and had a sulphuric odor, knives and bright shiny things that looked like guns were pulled.

By this time the train had stopped at the coal chute for coal and C. H. McGary, Mr. Mulhausen, the Armour meat man, and Mrs. Harriett Brown, of this city, left the ladies coach in which the scrap was going on and sought refuge in the sleeper.

### STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

**Old Board Reappointed With Exception of One Man.**

Frankfort, Ky., February 11.—Governor Beckham today announced the appointment of the following members of the State Board of Equalization for this year:

First Appellate District, Henry F. Oliver, of Fulton; Second District, Ab G. Rhea, of Russellville; Third District, F. J. Campbell, of Somerset; Fourth District, Dr. J. P. Steedman, of Louisville; Fifth District, M. J. Meagher, of Franklin; Sixth District, Rolla K. Hart, of Fleming; Seventh District, Henry Cox, of West Liberty.

This is the same board that served last year, with the exception of Henry Cox.

The board will meet here on February 28, the meeting having been postponed because of the failure of county officials to send recapitulation books.

### L. & N. WILL ERECT BUILDINGS

**At Nortonville for Use of Employees.**

The L. & N. R. R. has purchased a plot of ground at Nortonville and will in a short time begin the erection of several buildings at that place for the benefit of their employees.

Houses are scarce in Nortonville and this action is taken by the company to provide a place for the men and avoid inconvenience in future.

## COLDEST

**Monday Records Minimum Temperature in Exactly Six Years.**

**WIND EMPHASIZES THE BITTER COLD.**

This week has broken the record for cold days since February 1899.

The minimum temperature for this winter was recorded Monday morning the 13th, when the mercury went to 5 degrees below zero. Tuesday was the coldest day throughout, with a minimum of 4 below zero and a maximum of 7 above. A keen wind added to the personal discomfort and ears and toes of the unwary have been frosted.

The coldest temperature recorded since the establishment of the voluntary weather station here occurred just six years ago. The morning of February 13th, 1899, the mercury reached 28 degrees below zero and the maximum for the twenty-four hours was 3 degrees below zero. That was an exceedingly severe spell when for seven days the minimum temperature ranged from 0 to 28 degrees below, and only rose above 10 degrees three times during the entire week. During that week there were seven inches of snowfall. Only once in the memory of the present generation was there so cold a day as that 13th of February.

The coldest day last winter was Jan. 27, minimum 2 degrees, maximum 33 degrees.

The last time the mercury got below this week's record was on Dec. 18, 1901 when the minimum was 10 degrees below zero.

No serious results have been caused by the present low temperature in the operation of coal mining plants or the railroads. On the railroads traffic is very heavy and the crews have full work. The mines are exceedingly busy. General hustle has kept everything hot enough to move lively.

The heating plant at the Catholic Church has been broken down for some time and the building is being heated by large stoves this week. The heating plant in the St. Bernard building was disabled Monday morning by a bursted flue, which has since been repaired.

### COLEMAN DUPONT FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

**Promising Outlook for Former Kentuckian to Represent Delaware.**

T. Coleman du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., seems in line for the United States Senate by an unexpected break in the Adicks ranks promised to take place this week. Mr. du Pont has for years been interested in politics and high in the councils of his party but never a candidate for office. His home was formerly in Louisville. He is president of the DuPont Powder Company, of Wilmington. He also retains the presidency of the Central Coal and Iron Company, operating at Central City and elsewhere, a position he has held for some years, and is the chief owner of that property. Mr. du Pont has been now for some time recognized as the head of the du Pont family in America. He has friends here and has visited Earlington on several occasions, being on those visits a guest in the family of Mr. Jno. B. Atkinson.

It is said that the Prince of Wales has nineteen pianos in his house. That would be tough on a poor man, but we suppose the Prince is able to have other places to go to while the performers are taking a holiday.

### MRS. NETTIE MARTIN

**An Humble Follower of the Meek and Lowly Jesus Falls Asleep.**

Saturday evening about six o'clock the gentle spirit of Mrs. Nettie Martin, wife of C. T. Martin, of this place, winged its way to a fairer world above. The patient sufferer had been ill for several days with lung trouble and was naturally of a weak constitution.

Although her recovery was not expected it was thought she would linger for several days. Mrs. Martin was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Springfield, Tenn., and had been for years.

She was deeply religious and passed from this world as quietly and peacefully as if she were but going to sleep. Her devoted husband and children and Mrs. Edna Robinson, whom she had raised from a child, were with her to the last.

As soon as the sad news was made known neighbors and friends hurried in to pay their respect to the dead and console the living.

Mrs. Martin was 48 years old and was a member of the Golden Cross having lately moved her membership to this place from Springfield.

She was interred at the Earlington cemetery Monday afternoon at three o'clock under the auspices of the United Order of the Golden Cross the funeral having been preached at the residence by Rev. J. E. King.

Although the day was exceedingly cold and disagreeable quite a large number of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place.

She leaves a husband and seven children, three sons and four daughters, also a sister in Florida, one brother in Oklahoma, and one in Nashville, Tenn. The friends of the family extend tender sympathy to the sorrowing husband and children.

Friend after friend departs  
Who has not lost a friend?  
There is no union here of hearts  
That finds not here an end.

### St. Valentine's Day.

Tuesday was St. Valentine's day. It was a day of bliss to some and a day of disappointment to others. While the elaborate love making valentine begets joy and happiness the comic one causes dismay and misery. The former is sent with a heartfelt love and kind wishes, while the latter ludicrously displays the faults and frailties of human nature, and the valentine fiend never neglects an opportunity to remind his or her acquaintances of their faults and defects on this particular day. While the comic valentine is often sent in a spirit of pure mischief and sport, nevertheless it causes many a heart ache and the torture inflicted is just as acute as though it had been sent in good earnest. The comic valentine is a nuisance and should be suppressed.

### UNLUCKY THIRTEEN

**Under Sentence of Death in Kentucky.**

There are thirteen men under the death sentence in Kentucky. This is a startling announcement to say the least. Probably at no time in the history of the state has there been thirteen men at one time awaiting death on the gallows. It is, perhaps a record equaled by no other state.

The great American hen laid 20,000,000,000 eggs last year. She is entitled to a little winter rest.